(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative the reasons for such different treatment ?

Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies **(Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon) :**

(*a*) During the first half of September 1950 the ration distribution in the Cochin area was more satisfactory than that in the Travancore area.

(*b*) The Central Government had not allotted any rice quota to the State for August 1950 and due to the delay in the arrival of the September quota, the ration distribution in the various taluks had to be managed with the stock of paddy locally procured by Government. Since the paddy procurement scheme was far more successful in the Cochin area than that in Travancore there was plenty of paddy available for distribution there and therefore the ration distribution could be managed more satisfactorily in that area. In the taluks of the Trivandrum District where also the paddy procurement was satisfactory, the ration distribution was managed without difficulty, where as in some of the taluks in the Quilon and Kottayam Districts, where there was very little stock of paddy some reduction had to be made in the rice portion of the ration and to issue wheat in lieu there of. But there was not cut in the overall size of the ration thereby.

SALES TAX

***841.** [58] **Sri. Paul Thaliath :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Sales Tax Officer at Devicolam is making summary assessment of sales tax on all the cardamom cultivation in the taluk ;

(*b*) if so whether it is a fact that he assesses sales tax without calling for the cultivators' accounts but basing entirely on the acreage they hold and fixing a flat rate of yield per acre and price per maund ; and

(*c*) if so what action has been taken in the matter ?

Minister for Finance and Revenue **(Sri. A. J. John) :**

(*a*) Yes, in some cases he had made arbitrary assessments.

(*b*) In the cases referred to, the Officer made the assessments on the basis of estimated yield.

(*c*) Necessary instructions have been issued to the Officer that, wherever the returns and accounts of the dealers are made available, they should be scrutnised before finalising the assessments.

വയോജന വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം

*വ്യവ. (ന ഫ) ശ്രീ. എ. കെ. ശങ്കുണ്ണി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വിദ്യാഭ്യാസമന്ത്രി സഭയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) വയോജന വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ കമ്മിറ്റി റിപ്പോർട്ട് തയ്യാറായിട്ടുണ്ടോ ;

(ബി) ഈ റിപ്പോർട്ട് ഗവൺമെന്റിനു കിട്ടിയിട്ട് എത്ര കാലമായി?

വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും തൊഴിലും സിവിൽ സപ്ലൈസും വകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി (ശ്രീ. പനമ്പിള്ളി ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ) :

(എ) വയോജന വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നടപ്പിലാക്കാൻ ആവശ്യമായ ചില നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(ബി) ഫൻ @ ൦ ജൂലായി ൨൫-൦൯- ഈ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ ഗവൺമെന്റിനു കിട്ടി.

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